FISCAL NOTE

HB 3143 - SB 3496

March 19, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a juvenile court to incorporate a parenting plan in any final order or decree of a juvenile court arising from matters of juvenile court jurisdiction.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Juvenile courts would not be required to incorporate parenting plans in cases.
- Parenting plans are currently incorporated in divorce court hearings with parental educational seminars set up across the state. The plans are used to set out details of parental responsibilities, visitation, child support, and mediation.
- Should the juvenile courts expect the Department of Children Services to be an active mediation party or facilitator or a party bound to the plan, the Department could incur a significant increase in state and federal expenditures due to additional case managers and an increase in training and attorney time.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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